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1. The Soviet detachments in Neustedt and Dippach departed at about [] January 1951, taking all their billeting equipment with them. Approximately two platoons left the Kommandatura in Gerstungen [] com., allegedly bound for Lauchroeden. Only one platoon remained attached to the Kommandatura in Gerstungen. Residents of Lauchroeden said that Soviet troops had arrived there and that they were quartered in three requisitioned houses. The German Grenzpolizei Kommando previously stationed at Lauchroeden was withdrawn and the houses previously used by the police were occupied by the Soviets. A new Grenzpolizei Kommando of about 40 men arrived in Neustedt. The police were quartered in three vacant houses at the point where a road enters the village from the northwest. The control of trains in Neustedt previously handled by Soviet soldiers has been executed by Grenzpolizei personnel since 6 January 1951. The Soviet observation detail on the old Flak tower at triangulation point 332 had been withdrawn. All Soviet patrols were allegedly also withdrawn. *

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2. [] January 1951, officers and about 80 EM from Eisenach arrived in Sonneberg, Thuringia, in a special coach attached to the 6:37 a.m. train. The soldiers were quartered in two houses belonging to Sattler and Sommer. The detachment was equipped with 12 trucks [] the [] and three 76.5-mm AT guns. According to local residents, some of these soldiers were to be transferred to places on the zonal border. **

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3. [] January 1951, Soviet EM and two officers were quartered in two Sonneberg houses of Sattler and Sommer. Six officers and about 300 EM were said to have moved into 13 vacant houses in Effelder near Sonneberg on the same day. **

* [] Comment. According to previous information, units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were employed for guard missions at the zonal border in the Gerstungen area. [] From the present report it appears that changes have occurred in the disposition of Soviet border guard detachments and German Grenzpolizei Kommandos.

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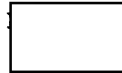
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
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** Comment. The branch of service and the assignment of the officers and  who arrived in Sonnetberg have not been determined.

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